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Applicant: Frederick M. Ausubel et al. Art Unit: 1632
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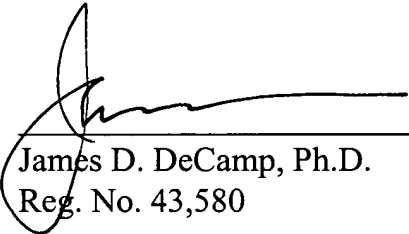
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants, as a small entity, hereby petition that the period for replying to the Office action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on December 18, 2003 be extended for three months, to and including June 18, 2004.

Applicants hereby assert that the present application is entitled to small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)(1).

Enclosed is a check \$475.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). If there are any other charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

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